

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants canceled Claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, added Claims 22-41 and amended Claims 22, 23 and 25-27. Accordingly, Claims 22-41 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 22-41 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-41 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,493,105 to Desai. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Desai does not teach initiating a telecommunications session at a source telecommunications device by parsing information on a card read by a scanner, extracting a telephone number from the information, and determining whether to use the telephone number to initiate faxing or phoning based on at least one of an orientation of the information read by the scanner and a status of the source telecommunications device. (Claims 22, 29 and 39). On the contrary, Desai teaches an auto dial function that allows an electronic business card system to dial telephone numbers selected from records based on information from business cards. (Column 5, line 66 to Column 6, line 5 and Column 14, lines 57-59). The system, however, does not determine whether to use the telephone number to initiate faxing or phoning based on at least one of an orientation of the information read by a scanner and a status of a source telecommunications device as recited in independent Claims 22, 29 and 39. Instead, in Desai, a user selects to use the auto dial function and then selects to use single or continuous dial operations. (Column 17 lines 14-21 and FIGURE 10). No determination is made in Desai regarding whether a telephone number is to be used to initiate faxing or phoning.

More specifically, no determination is made to initiate phoning or faxing based on an orientation of the information read by a scanner or a status of a source telecommunications device.

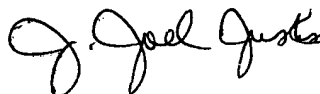
Thus, Desai does not anticipate independent Claims 22, 29 and 39 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the §102(b) rejection with respect to Claims 22-41.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 22-41. The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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